

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION/
PROGRAMMATIC CATEGORICAL
EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM**

04-ALA-580

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284200

District-County-Route

K.P. (PM)

EA

Project No.
(Fed. Proj. Prefix Proj. No., Agr. No.)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Briefly describe project, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved.)

This project proposes to build two soundwalls on I-580 eastbound near 14th Avenue to Ardley Avenue in the City of Oakland, Alameda County. A noise study indicated that current noise levels caused by freeway traffic exceed 67 dBA. The proposed soundwalls, 4.27 m high by 330 m long (14' x 1080') combined will reduce noise levels by 5 dBA for 16 residential units. The proposed noise barrier material is proposed to be masonry blocks (or concrete panels as an alternative). The project will be constructed within the existing State right-of-way and a temporary easement will be required during construction.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS: Record of CEQA compliance is attached. ☐

STATE PROJECTS:

Categorical Exemption (See 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)



- If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law.
- There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
- This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List").
- This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (for State Projects only)

☐ **Exempt by Statute** (PRC 21080)

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:

☒ **Categorically Exempt**, Class 1 or ☐ **General Rule exemption** (This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment [CCR 15061(b)(3)].)

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Signature: Environmental Office Chief	Date	Signature: Project Manager	Date

NEPA COMPLIANCE (23 CFR 771.117)

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

- This project does not have a significant impact on the environment as defined by the NEPA.
- This project does not involve substantial controversy on environmental grounds.
- This project does not involve significant impacts on properties protected by Section 4(f) of the DOT Act or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- In nonattainment or maintenance areas for Federal air quality standards: this project comes from a currently conforming plan and Transportation Improvement Program.
- This project is consistent with all Federal, State, & local laws, requirements or administrative determinations relating to the environmental aspects of this action.

PROGRAMMATIC CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION



☐ Based on the evaluation of this project and supporting documentation in the project files, all the conditions of the September 7, 1990 Programmatic Categorical Exclusion have been met.

CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, it is determined that the project is a:

☒ **Categorical Exclusion**

☐ **Programmatic Categorical Exclusion**

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Signature: Environmental Office Chief (for all State & Local CEs)	Date	Signature: Project Manager/DLA Engineer (PM: for all State CEs / DLAE: for Local Asst. PCEs)	Date

FHWA DETERMINATION (if applicable)

Based on the evaluation of this project and the statements above, it is determined that the project meets the criteria of and is properly classified as a Categorical Exclusion.

	27 FEB 2003
Signature: FHWA Transportation Engineer	Date

☐ Additional information attached or referenced, as appropriate (e.g. Mitigation commitments for NEPA only; Air Quality studies and documentation of exemption from regional conformity or use of CO Protocol; §106 commitments; §4(f) or Programmatic §4(f); date of COE nationwide permit; § 7 species survey results; Wetlands Finding; Floodplain Finding; additional studies; design conditions; Local Agency NOE.)